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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER IN TAM ON
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

REF: PHNOM PENH 5682

1. SOHLIN AND I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER IN TAM THIS
MORNING TO HAND HIM OUR CONFIDENTIAL ANALYSIS OF CURRENT
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR REMEDYING THEM
(SEE REFTEL).

2. WE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTING THIS MONTH TO
PERMIT AN INCREASE IN PRICES OF RICE, ELECTRICITY, AND
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND TO INTRODUCE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY
COST- OF- LIVING INCREASES (PERHAPS RETORACTIVE TO JUNE 1)
TO COUNTER AN OVER- NEGATIVE REACTION FROM THE POPULATION.

3. IN ORDER TO MOVE TOWARD ACTION ON THESE ISSUES AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, I PROPOSED TO IN TAM THAT SOHLIN AND
ENDERS MEET WITH MINFINANCE KEO MONGKRY, MIN COMMERCE
SAPHON SARASY, AND GOVERNOR OF THE NATIONAL BANK SOK
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CHHONG EARLY NEXT WEEK FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED. I SAID THAT WE HOPED HE WOULD ALSO INVITE IMF REPRESENTATIVE EVERS TO THIS MEETING. WHILE NOT EVIDENCING ANY ENTHUSIASM, IN TAM SEEMED TO BE IN ACCORD WITH THIS PROPOSAL.

4. COMMENT: I AM REPORTING SEPARATELY OTHER ASPECTS OF THE MEETING WHICH TAKEN TOGETHER INDICATE THAT IN TAM IS IN A REAL QUANDRY AS TO HOW TO ACT AS PRIME MINISTER AND DEAL WITH THE MANY PROBLEMS THAR ARE FACING HIM. I THEREFORE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WILL BE PREPARED, WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, TO TAKE THE POLITICAL RISKS WHICH THE ECONOMIC MEASURES WE ARE PROPOSING WILL INEVITABLY ENTAIL; BUT WE WILL HOPE TO MAKE SOME PROGRESS THROUGH HIS COLLABORATORS AND ULTIMATELY, IF NEED BE, WITH THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL.
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